

# Waterford Mennonite Church

## This is the Way: The Underground Church now!

### 2024 VBS

June 30, 2024

Prelude Esther Rose Graber  
(You are invited to read the words to “When Peace Like a River”  
in VT 617, v. 1, 3 and 4 as it is played.)

Gathering songs Bob Brenneman  
*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* VT 25  
*Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace* VT 719

Welcome & Call to worship Katie Misz

Lighting the peace lamp\*

VBS Sharing Mariko Claassen

Offering *Please pass the friendship pads*  
(Gifts are for Mennonite Ed unless designated otherwise)

Children’s Time Erin Smeltzer

Song *I Sought the Lord* VT 161

VBS Drama

Scripture Luke 11:1-4, 9-13

Sermon “The Best Gift of All” Rachel Miller Jacobs\*\*

Song of response      *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*      VT 828

Congregational prayer      Linda Short

Benediction

Sending song      *You Shall Go Out with Joy*      VT 847

VT = Voices Together; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

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\*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world

\*\*Rachel Miller Jacobs is Associate Professor of Congregational Formation at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, where she teaches in the areas of Christian formation, children's spirituality, and worship.

## **Prayers**

*Pastor Cindy, Luke and their children* as they all spend this week on Anna Maria Island, Florida at a respite house for pastors as part of Cindy's sabbatical.

*Kate Widmer*, Mennonite Mission Network worker, as she helps extend the community outreach ministries of La Prairie (The Prairie) Mennonite Church in France, through a café, a bookstore and building relationships in the Muslim neighborhood in which she lives. Pray for renewal of energy and spiritual insight, as she pours herself out in service.

Pray for *Derrick Ramer, his family and the Benton Mennonite Church* as he has accepted their invitation to be their pastor and will begin his time there on August 1, 2024. May God bless them all as they begin this journey together.

*Hudson Lake Mennonite Church* requests prayer for their small congregation as they look for ways to relieve those who are overworked and as they reach out in the Hudson Lake area to help support a local children's summer camp.

With our VBS kids, we pray for *refugees around the world*.

## **Welcome Guests**

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our nurture hour. Look for the welcome brochure on the front table in the foyer.

## Our Mission Statement

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

*Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,*

*Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and*

*Call out each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.*

## TODAY'S ELECTIVES

Jigsaw puzzles

Coping with Grief

Creative Expressions of Faith

Drumming

Fun in the Sun

Knotting Comforters

Salt & Light Bible Study

Singing from Voices Together

Rm 34/35 in nurture wing

Rm 15 (near kitchen door)

Rm 28/30 in nurture wing

Sanctuary (with hymnsing)

Meet at pond for Slip 'N Slide

Rm 29/31/33 in nurture wing

Rm 22 (Sojourners)

Sanctuary (with drummers)

We celebrate that everyone is created in God's image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

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